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NEWS AND NOTES

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The fourteenth annual meeting of the American Political Science Association will be held at Philadelphia, December 27 to 29. The American Historical Association, the American Economic Association, and other societies will hold their annual meetings at the same time and city. The program of the American Political Science Association, with information as to local arrangements, will be mailed to the members of the association early in December. As thus far arranged, the program will be as follows: The first session on Thursday morning, December 27, at ten o'clock, will be on constitutional law, with papers by Professors T. R. Powell, of Columbia University, and Charles G. Haines, of the University of Texas. In the afternoon, the subject will be political theory, with a paper by Professor W. W. Willoughby and discussion. In the evening the presidential addresses will be given at a joint session. At the Friday morning session will be considered the nature and future of international law; in the afternoon there will be a joint session with the Historical Association on federalism; in the evening, papers on Russia by the Russian ambassador and others will be presented. On Saturday morning the annual business meeting of the association will be held. In the afternoon there will be a joint session with the American Economic Association; and in the evening, a general meeting of the members of all the associations. There will also be three luncheon conferences; one dealing with problems of instruction in political science; a second, with the influence of political science on public opinion; and a third, with the gathering of scientific data on the operation of American government, and the development of plans for reorganization. These conferences will be in charge of Professor R. G. Gettell, of Amherst, Professor Karl C. Geiser, of Oberlin, and Mr. H. S. Gilbertson, secretary and treasurer of the National Short Ballot Organization, respectively.

The Hotel Bellevue-Stratford has been tentatively selected as headquarters. Other hotels are the Adelphia and the Walton. Reservations should be made as early as possible.

Dr. A. N. Holcombe, absent on leave from Harvard University, has been appointed associate professor of political science for one year at Leland Stanford University.

Professor A. S. Johnson has leave of absence for the year from Leland Stanford University and will continue his connection with *The New Republic*.

Professor D. Y. Thomas, of the University of Arkansas, is on leave of absence for the year. His courses are in the hands of Dr. A. P. James, formerly of Ohio Wesleyan University.

Dr. B. A. Arneson, of the University of Minnesota, has accepted a professorship of political science at Ohio Wesleyan University.

Dr. H. S. Quigley, of Princeton University, has been appointed to the chair of political science at Hamline University.

Professor L. S. Rowe, of the University of Pennsylvania, is on leave of absence for the year, and is acting as assistant secretary of the treasury.

Dr. J. M. Mathews, of the University of Illinois, has been promoted from assistant professor to associate professor of political science.

Mr. Edmund Brown, Jr., who served as instructor in political science in the University of Missouri during the second semester of the past academic year, has been appointed secretary of the Arkansas state board of charities and corrections recently established.

Mr. Hessel E. Yntemia has been appointed to an instructorship in political science at the University of Michigan.

Dr. R. M. Story, of the University of Illinois, has been granted leave of absence for a year, and will be in Russia in the service of the Y. M. C. A. war council.

Professor W. F. Dodd will remain with the Illinois legislative reference bureau, on leave of absence from the University of Chicago. During the next year the bureau will conduct a constitutional survey in preparation for a constitutional convention which will be assembled if a

favorable popular vote is had in November, 1918. In connection with this work, several new members have been added to the staff of the bureau.

Mr. R. C. Journey, instructor in political science at the University of Missouri, and legislative librarian during the last session of the Missouri general assembly, has been granted a year's leave of absence. He will spend the year in graduate study at Columbia University. His work at Missouri will be in charge of Mr. Thomas Barclay, who during the past year was in the graduate school of the University of Chicago.

Dr. Stanley K. Hornbeck, of the University of Wisconsin, has been advanced from assistant professor to associate professor of political science. He is on leave of absence for the present academic year. During the first half of the year he is with the United States tariff commission.

Professor Frederic A. Ogg has been advanced to a full professorship of political science at Wisconsin.

Professor Chester Lloyd Jones, of the University of Wisconsin, is on leave of absence for the year. His time will be given to investigation of the Mexican problem, and part of it will be spent in Mexico. Professor Frederic A. Ogg will act as Secretary-Treasurer of the American Political Science Association during his absence.

Professor Charles A. Beard has retired from his professorship of politics in Columbia University, in protest against what his letter of resignation terms the narrow and reactionary policy of a group of the trustees of the institution.

Professor W. A. Schaper's connection with the University of Minnesota has been severed. Professor Schaper will devote the year to research and writing.

Professors Jesse S. Reeves and Ralston Hayden, of the University of Michigan, are on leave of absence this year. The former has accepted a commission as captain in the aviation section of the signal officers' reserve corps. The latter is in active service as lieutenant in the naval reserve.

Prof. William MacDonald, formerly of the history department of Brown University, has returned from Europe, where he made a study of labor and social conditions for the New York *Nation*. He is this year lecturer in the department of political science of the University of California, giving the introductory course on government.

David P. Barrows, major of cavalry in the United States reserve corps, formerly professor of political science and dean of the faculties of the University of California, has been ordered by the war department to the Philippines in the capacity of chief intelligence officer. Major Barrows was formerly director of the bureau of education in the Philippines.

Professor Charles G. Haines is at the University of Chicago for the year, on leave of absence from the University of Texas.

Dr. M. L. Bonham, Jr., professor of history and political science at Louisiana State University, will hereafter give courses in history only.

The thirteenth annual conference of the Chinese Students' Alliance in the United States was held at Brown University during the past summer.

A seminar in the public law of modern European states was organized at the University of California in the spring term of 1917. Its object is announced to be the training of men who will teach the subject in American universities, and the broadening of the outlook of persons who expect to teach history or law, as also of persons who expect to practice law after having received a broad theoretical training.

During the Cincinnati meetings of the historical and political science associations in December, 1916, a project was launched for the founding of a quarterly review to deal on broad lines with the history and institutions of the New-World states arising from the colonizing efforts of Spain and Portugal; and a committee on organization was appointed and instructed to take the necessary steps. The committee announces that sufficient funds have been guaranteed to assure the success of the plan, and the first number of the Review is expected to appear by February, 1918, at the latest. Subscriptions and con-

tributions to the guarantee fund may be sent to J. A. Robertson, chairman of the committee, at 1422 Irving Street, Washington, D. C. It is expected that the subscription rate of the magazine will be three dollars.

The annual meeting of the National Municipal League will be held at Detroit during the week of November 20. At the same time will be held meetings of the city managers' association and the association of research bureaus.

At the last session of the Illinois legislature, the city of Chicago presented a number of bills enlarging the powers of the municipality. The list included: authority to regulate the rates and service of public utility companies; to establish a zoning system; to adopt a nonpartisan ballot for city elections; three bills designed to facilitate the execution of the program recently outlined by the traction commission; to permit certain changes in the handling of special assessment funds; to establish branches of the house of correction more than three miles outside the city limits, intended to permit the location of a farm colony, for which bonds have been voted; to own and operate municipal ice plants; and a number of other measures.

Practically all of the major bills failed of passage, either in one house or in both. Favorable action was secured on special assessment funds and the establishment of branches of the house of correction outside the city limits. In the case of home rule over local public utilities, and the zoning system,² elaborate briefs were drawn up and presented to the legislature.

There was passed, however, a resolution for a constitutional convention, through which, if the voters approve, Chicago may be able to obtain broader powers of local self-government. This resolution had been approved by the city council of Chicago, and was strongly urged by many Chicago citizens. It goes without saying that many other factors in the situation than home rule for Chicago are involved in the proposed revision of the constitution.

¹ Memorial Petitioning the General Assembly of Illinois for Home Rule over Public Utilities in Chicago, by Charles E. Merriam.

² Building Districts and Restrictions, by Charles E. Merriam, February, 1917.